

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 29, 2007, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of this application. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time is submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.